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THE BRETTON WOODS CONFERENCE

When the Executive board began correspondence with local and library authorities in Louisville, looking toward specific arrangements for the 1909 conference, it soon became apparent that it would be impossible to get any concessions in hotel rates or even a guarantee of accommodations at any hotel which the local committee or the Association would be willing to consider, between May 1 and June 15, the only weeks in which weather conditions would favor a meeting in that part of the country. After conference between Mr Yust of the local committee and a majority of the members of the Executive board, it was agreed to send a representative from the Board to Louisville and have him go over the entire situation with the local committee. This resulted in a report to the Executive board that it would be unwise to take the Association to Louisville at any time between the first of May and the middle of June under any possible arrangements for the hotel rates and accommodations. This report was accepted by the Executive board.

In considering another place for the meeting, it was felt that as there had been but one meeting east of Buffalo and north of the Potomac since 1903 and in the meantime the Association has met twice on the Mississippi River, once on the Pacific Coast and once in the south, an eastern meeting seemed both proper and logical. The thirty-first annual conference of the American Library Association will therefore be held at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, in the White Mountains, during the week of June 28-July 5, 1909. Headquarters will be at the Mt Washington Hotel with the Mt Pleasant, under the same management, available if necessary, just across the narrow valley and within ten minutes walk.

Nineteen years ago, in September 1890, the 12th conference was held at Fabyans within sight of our next and newly chosen meeting place. The attendance was 242, by far the largest meeting till then assem-

bled and a number exceeded but once again (save for the World's Fair meeting at Chicago) till 1896, when the Cleveland meeting set a new record figure. This would seem to promise well for an unusually large attendance in 1909, an expectation which is further strengthened by the recollection that the only New England conferences since 1890, Magnolia 1902 and Narragansett Pier 1906, have been the two largest ever held with 1018 and 891 persons present.

Not only is Bretton Woods in the very heart of the White Mountains, in the shadow of Mt Washington with surpassing attractions of its own, but the Travel committee is already busy with post-conference plans for a four or five days coaching trip through the mountains; for a repetition of the wonderful Saguenay river ride of 1900 or (for those who wish to combine both sea and mountains in their A. L. A. outing) a few days at some pleasant Maine coast watering place.

All possible additional particulars will be given in the March "Bulletin."

NOTES AND NEWS

Atlantic City meeting. The thirteenth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania library club and the New Jersey library association will be held at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 1909. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Chelsea, which is at the ocean end of South Morris Avenue.

The sessions will all be held at this hotel. The first, on Friday, March 19, 8.30 p. m., will be held under the direction of the New Jersey library association; the second, on Saturday, March 20, 10.30 a. m., under the direction of the Pennsylvania library club, and the third, on the same day, 8.30 p. m., will be a general session.

Railroad Rates

New York or Newark to Atlantic City
and return \$5.00

Philadelphia to Atlantic City and return, from Market or Chestnut street wharf	2.00
Philadelphia to Atlantic City and return, Pennsylvania R. R. Electric train, from Market street wharf...	1.75
Philadelphia to Atlantic City and return, Pennsylvania R. R. steam train from Broad street station via Delaware River bridge.....	2.50

Hotel Rates

HOTEL CHELSEA

One person in a room (with-out bath).....	\$3.50 per day
Two persons in a room (with-out bath) each.....	3.00 "
One person in a room (with bath)	4.50 "
Two persons in a room (with bath) each.....	4.00 "

HOTEL GLADSTONE

Located just across the street from the Chelsea.

1 person in a room, no bath..	\$2.50 per day
2 persons in a room, no bath, each	2.50 "
1 person in a room, bath....	3.50 "
2 persons in a room, bath, each	3.50 "

An interesting program is in preparation.

Members of other library clubs and friends in adjacent states are cordially invited to be present and to take part in the meeting.

Officers of the New Jersey Library Association: President, Charles A. George, Princeton university library; Vice-Presidents, Miss J. Maud Campbell, Passaic, N. J.; Miss Sarah B. Askew, State library commission, Trenton, N. J.; Secretary, Captain John M. Rogers, State library, Trenton, N. J.; Treasurer, Miss Ruth Yeomans, Madison, N. J.

Officers of the Pennsylvania Library Club:

President, Arthur Low Bailey, Ln. Institute free library, Wilmington, Del.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. L. M. Robinson, S. T. D., Divinity school, Philadelphia; Miss Edith Ridgway, Free library, Philadelphia; Secretary, Miss Edith Brinkmann, H. Josephine Widener branch, Free library, Philadelphia; Treasurer, Miss Bertha Seidl Wetzell, Library company of Philadelphia.

Library lighting. The following letter comes from Mr L. B. Marks, whose paper on this subject was noticed in the Bulletin for Nov. 1908, p. 436.

Editor A. L. A. Bulletin:

It is with much pleasure that I note the growing interest on the part of librarians in the recent developments in the design and improvement of library illumination.

Requests come to me almost daily from all over the country for copies of my paper on "Design of the illumination of the New York City Carnegie libraries."

While this paper gives complete data as to the design of illumination of the buildings to which the paper refers, it is primarily a paper for engineers and does not pretend to furnish a solution for all cases of library lighting. In fact much harm may result if these specifications are used by the layman in the design or remodeling of the illumination of other libraries in which the conditions are not identical with those that obtain in the buildings of which the paper treats.

I go into this matter thus fully because quite a number of librarians have set out to remodel the lighting layout of their libraries in accordance with the detailed specifications set forth in my paper. Work of this character should be done only by an illuminating engineer. There are a number of such engineers whose services can be secured for a comparatively small fee. I trust that if cases of this kind come to your notice you will advise the librarians to retain the services of a consulting engineer rather than attempt to do this work themselves.

My experience in a number of library buildings convinces me, and I think has convinced my clients, that it pays to take advice from a specialist in matters of this kind. The specialist in illumination is able to secure not only the best results in economy of installation and of operation, but also what is perhaps even more important, the greatest freedom from visual fatigue.

In most of the libraries that I have vis-

ited, the lighting equipment for artificial illumination has been very poorly designed. Usually the reader is subjected to the glare of lamps which are placed within the ordinary field of vision, and also subjected to harmful reflection from reading-lamps in which the lighting source is improperly placed or the light misdirected. These baneful conditions contribute in no little degree to the injury that is being wrought on the eyesight of the present generation. Oculists have attested to the fact that weakened eye-sight is in many cases due to faulty artificial illumination. This does not mean that there is not sufficient illumination. It usually means that the illumination has been improperly applied.

I trust that you may deem the above of sufficient importance to bring it to the attention of librarians who are, in a sense, for the time being the custodians of the eye-sight of a large part of the public.

Very truly yours,

L. B. MARKS.

A. L. A. Catalog. The Library of Congress has sent out the following announcement:

"The edition of the A. L. A. catalog issued by the Library of Congress is exhausted, and we are therefore unable to meet requests for copies from public libraries or others who would be entitled to free copies.

The Superintendent of documents has reprinted the complete work, both parts in one volume, paper covers. This is for sale at \$1.00 per copy. Remittance must accompany the application, which should be directed to the Superintendent of documents, Government printing office, Washington, D. C."

Correction. Through editorial oversight Miss Mary W. Plummer was credited with the paper "The Pratt Institute library school" presented at the Minnetonka conference and printed in the Proceedings (Bulletin 2:206-10). The paper was written and read by Miss Josephine A. Rathbone. This correction should be made in the Proceedings number at page 206 and in the table of contents.

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